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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Mehta *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/351,617 EXAMINER: P Ponnaluri
FILING DATE: July 12, 1999 ART UNIT: 1627
FOR: GENERAL SCREENING METHOD FOR LIGAND-PROTEIN INTERACTION

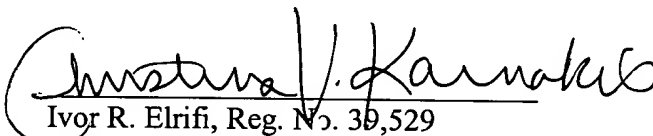
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed March 12, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 12, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-518 RCE (CURA-18 RCE). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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